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## Three Charged with Trying to Kill Fetus in Long Beach

Prosecutors have charged a man and two women with half a dozen felonies for allegedly assaulting a pregnant woman in an attempt to induce a miscarriage, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Angel Contreras (dob 7/5/98), Claudia Rodriguez (dob 5/15/97) and Candy Patricio (dob 1/19/97) each face six counts in case NA104134: two counts of attempted murder, two counts of conspiracy to commit murder and one count each of kidnapping and assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury.

The three defendants were scheduled to be arraigned Monday, but the court appearance was continued to May 31 in Department SO1 at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch.

Deputy District Attorney Troy Davis of the Victim Impact Program, who is assigned to the case, said Contreras reportedly planned with Rodriguez and Patricio to attack his pregnant girlfriend so she would miscarry.

On March 4, as the girlfriend was walking to Contreras' home, she was allegedly accosted and punched in the stomach by Rodriguez and Patricio, the prosecutor said.

Less than three weeks later, Contreras boarded a bus with his girlfriend and allegedly alerted Rodriguez and Patricio of their location so they could assault the victim again, according to the prosecutor.

When the victim exited the bus, she was reportedly assaulted by Rodriguez and Patricio, who unsuccessfully tried to drag the victim into a car, the prosecutor added.

A passerby saw the attack and saved the victim from being kidnapped, the prosecutor said.

The case is being investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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